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TO: School District Superintendents
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SUBJECT: Updated Technology Specifications for Smarter Balanced

INFORMATION TO SHARE

The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) has updated its technology specifications. These outline the minimum, as well as the recommended requirements for implementation of the SBAC assessments.

The updated versions of the Technology Strategy Framework and Testing Device Requirements document and Executive Summary can be found via the links below:

- Technology Strategy Framework and Testing Device Requirements http://www.smarterbalanced.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Tech_Framework_Device_Requirements_11-1-13.pdf
- Technology Strategy Framework and Testing Device Requirements Executive Summary:
http://www.smarterbalanced.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Executive_Summary_Tech_Framework.pdf.

A list of the updates in these versions appears on Appendix A (page 25) of the full document.

Districts are urged to review the documents and contrast the recommended (rather than minimum) requirements with current capacity locally. These materials, and the approaches contained within them, will help all districts strategically prepare for a full and successful implementation of a next generation assessment system like SBAC.

For questions on the technology requirements, please contact Steve Marsh, Assessment Supervisor (307-777-3498), or Deb Lindsey (307-777-8753).